

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gunpowder Iron Works (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Md. Rte. 7 bridge along south bank of Big Gunpowder Falls

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #: 269-3761

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☒ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

1759-1866 - Industrial archaeology site stretching from Maryland Route 7 bridge along south bank of Big Gunpowder Falls to a point just upstream of I-95 bridge and power line. Various stone remains and a mill race reported by Michael W. Robbins in Maryland's Iron Industry During the Revolutionary War (Annapolis, 1973), pp. 32-41. The Nottingham Company had land condemned at Long Calm Ford (where the post road crossed) in 1759, but most of the visible remains date from a 19th Century enterprise, the Robert Howard Iron Works, later called Great Falls Iron Company. The tract was acquired by Baltimore City for water supply purposes in 1866 but disposed of, 1880. Long Calm Ford was 0.2 mile upstream of I-95, opposite the mouth of a nameless stream.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1759-1866

BUILDER/ARCHITECT**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See # 7 Description)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

DO

NAME / TITLE

Mr. John McGrain

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Com. March 1978

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore County Office of Planning, County Courts Bldg. 494-3495

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

401 Bosley Avenue, Towson,

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

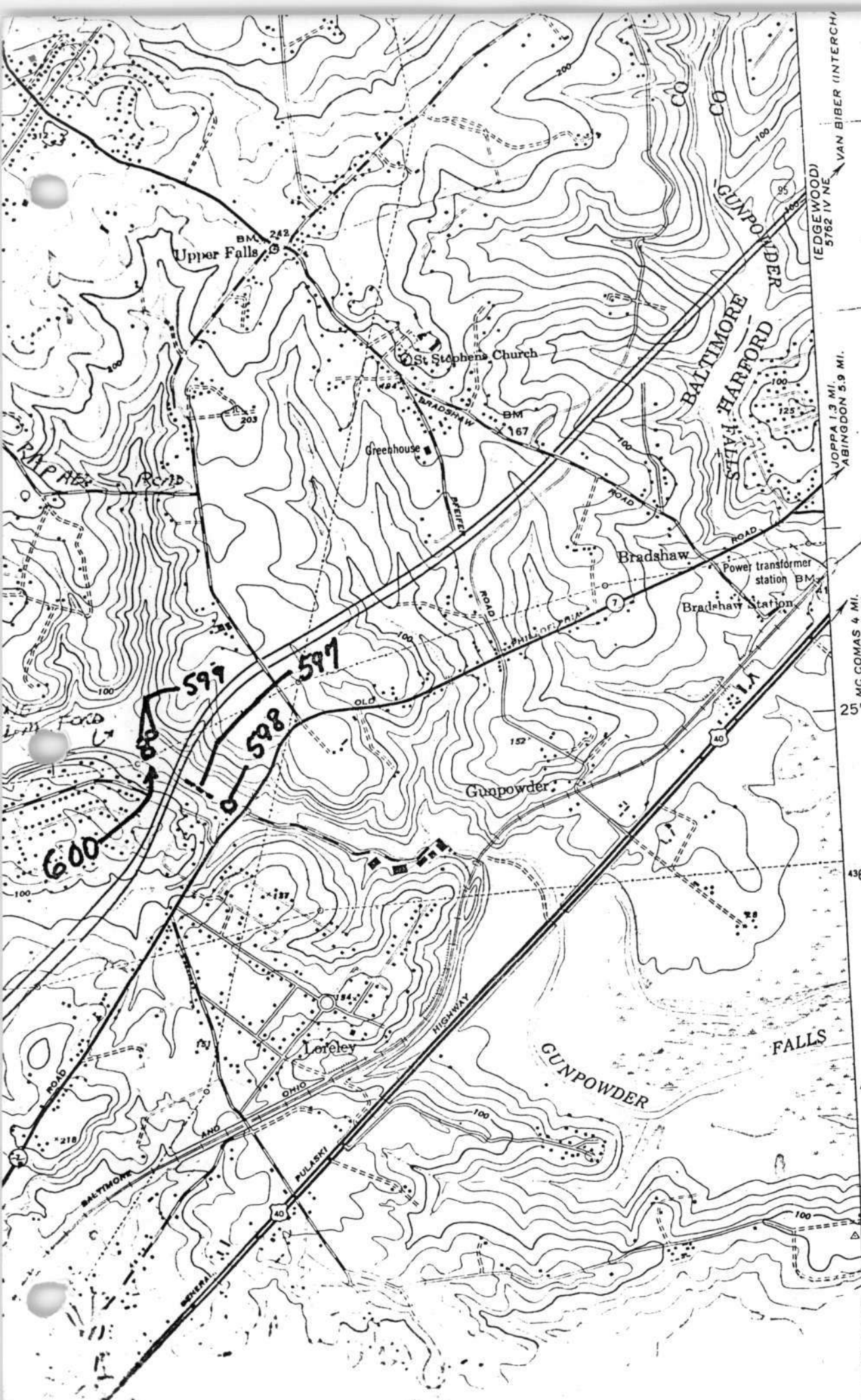
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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(EDGEWOOD)
5762 IV NE
VAN BIBER (INTERCH.)

JOPPA 1.3 MI.
ABINGDON 5.9 MI.

MC COMAS 4 MI.
BELCAMP 8 MI.

25'

4363

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Interstate
95

Md. Rte. 7

Big Gunpowder River

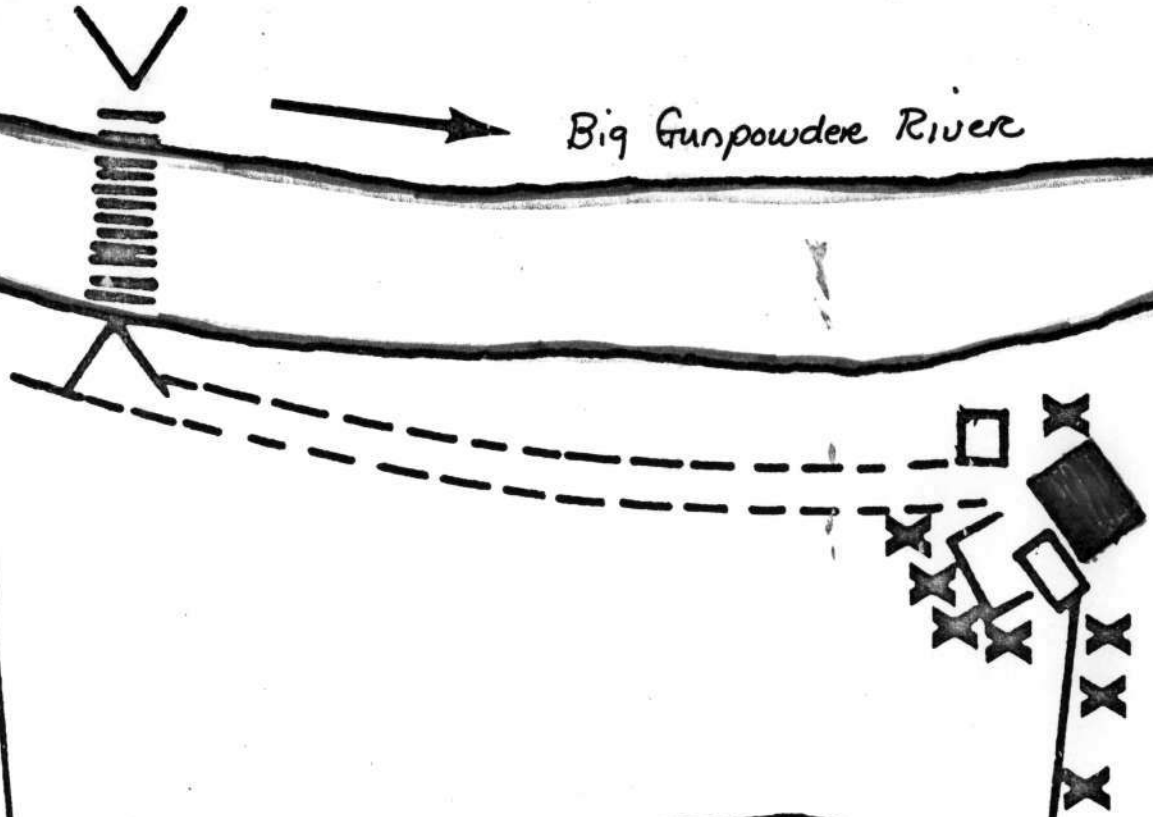
NORTH

OLD FORGE ROAD

BA-597/8
Howard Furnace
Big Gunpowder River
Ironworks
Site

40

31-4
back



GUNPOWDER RIVER

1. Furnace stack, looking southeast.
2. Furnace stack, looking south.
3. Detail, furnace stack.
4. Bore holes at dam site, east of Interstate-95.
5. Foundation walls at downstream end of race, looking west.
6. Re-heating furnace, west of Baltimore & Ohio R. R. bridge.
7. Structure near dam site, west of Baltimore & Ohio R. R. bridge.

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1.

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Gunpowder Furnace Stack, looking southeast

photo by Michael W. Robbins

Winter 1972



2. BA-598 (within BA-597)

Gunpowder Iron Works Furnace Ruin

River side of Furnace stack

(Looking South)

photo by Michael W. Robbins,
winter 1972



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Gunpowder Iron Works Furnace Ruin

Detail, Furnace stack

Photo by Michael W. Robbins, Winter 1972



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Gunpowder Iron Works Furnace Ruin

Bore holes, 2 1/2" diameter, at dam site east of
Interstate 95, on Big Gunpowder River

photo by Michael W. Robbins, Winter 1972



5. BA-598 (within BA-597)

Gunpowder Iron Works Furnace Ruin

Foundation walls and lower end of
head race, looking west, Big Gunpowder River.

Photo by Michael W. Robbins Winter 1972